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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EFIS, IWC-1, JA, SENV, TW
SUBJECT: ROC WHALING ACTIVITIES

REF: STATE 126794

1. DIRECTOR TAIWAN FISHERIES BUREAU AND OTHER GROG OFFICIALS OBVIOUSLY RELUCTANT TO SUPPLY INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTEL. DIRECTOR WOULD ONLY AGREE TO TRY TO OBTAIN SOME DATA ON SPECIES AND NUMBERS TAKEN, AND HINTED AT YEARLY CATCH IN 100 - 150 RANGE.

2. DIRECTOR'S REMARKS WERE UNUSUALLY DEFENSIVE, STRESSING: A) ROC CATCH IS MINISCULE IN COMPARISON WITH THOSE OF USSR AND JAPAN; B) WHILE ROC IS INTERESTED IN COOPERATING WITH AND CONTRIBUTING TO SCIENTIFIC WORK OF IWC, TAIWAN IS NOT A MEMBER OF THAT ORGANIZATION, AND IS UNDER NO LEGAL OBLIGATION TO FURNISH IT DATA; C) WHALING IS NOT ILLEGAL ACCORDING TO ROC LAW; EVEN THOUGH GROG HAS TRIED TO DISCOURAGE FURTHER INVESTMENT IN WHALING INDUSTRY, IT CANNOT ACT ARBITRARILY AGAINST A VESSEL ALREADY OPERATING AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH DOMESTIC LAW.

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3. EMBASSY BELIEVES GROG HESITANCY TO PROVIDE DATA SOUGHT BY IWC, EVEN AS MATTER OF SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION, IS A FUNCTION OF CONCERN OVER OBVIOUS POSSIBILITY THAT SUCH INFORMATION MIGHT BE PUT TO USE IN MANNER ADVERSE TO ROC INTEREST. HOWEVER, EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS MATTER UP TO POINT BEYOND WHICH PRESENT GENERALLY GOOD WORKING

RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN FISHERIES BUREAU WOULD BE
JEOPARDIZED. UNGER

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